

- The population in recent decades has experienced the outmigration of young adults -- a factor that can have undesirable affects on the population and economy of the local area.
- The Maiden planning area possesses the potential for growth at a higher rate than in the recent past, but this potential must be exploited if this result is desired.
- Income and education levels for Maiden were better than for the State as a whole, but there is a need for more improvement. (This is particularly true in the case of the Negro citizens of the area.) Also, a need for training for industrial skills is evidenced; this could possibly be improved through more use of the county technical institute or by establishing a technical school in the local vacant school building.
- Substandard housing appears to have increased since 1960, largely due to the old, deteriorating homes in and near Maiden. This situation should be improved, along with meeting the need for additional housing (both for sale and rental) that has resulted from the favorable job situation.
- Projected population figures are favorable, but action on problems such as those noted above will be required if the trend toward increase is to be continued.

ECONOMIC STANDPOINT

- While the present employment situation is good, the sources of employment should be more diversified. This point is particularly important in regards to any industry sought for location here in the future.
- The labor supply is nearing the "critical" point. Emphasis is needed on a local level for improvement -- particularly in the housing and technical training mentioned earlier.
- Outmigration of the young is also being felt in the labor force, further pointing out the need for making the Maiden planning area attractive to all ages as a place to live and work.